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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Dominion Parliament is called together for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS on the 10th February.

The charge for the Anglo American cable despatches will, for the future, be 25 cents per word.

The death is announced of General Sir H. W. Stisted, K.C.B., first Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario, at the age of 58 years. He was very popular in the Province during his residence here.

Application has been made by the Dominion Government to the British Army authorities for two officers to take the positions of Professors in the Military College at Kingston, one from the Royal Engineers and the other from the Royal Artillery. A third officer will be taken from the Canadian Active Militia, who will be capable of conducting one of the classes in the College and act as Quartermaster. It is said that the internal arrangements of the College building is not suitable, and that sooner or later additional buildings will have to be constructed. It is also said that the Commandant's house is altogether too small.

We regret to learn from India that while the Prince of Wales and his party were out on a hunting expedition on the 8th, in the vicinity of Lucknow, Lord Carrington met with an accident, by which his collar bone was broken.

The Indian Office confirms the appointment of Lord Lytton to be Viceroy of India in place of Lord Northbrook. The latter retiring because he does not feel able to sustain the heavy labors of the office during another summer. He will be created an Earl.

Orders have been received at Charlestown Navy Yard for a general reduction of the force, to go into effect immediately. It throws out of employment 600 men. 490 men have also been discharged from the Brooklyn Navy Yard in one lot. The force in the Construction Department and in the yards and docks is lower than it has been for 20 years.

The United States war ships *St. Lawrence* and *Macedonian* were sold by auction at the Norfolk Navy Yard, on the 31st December, to Northern parties, the *St. Lawrence* for \$17,900, and the *Macedonian* for \$14,074. These vessels were among the oldest ships in the navy.

The Committee which was appointed by the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute to draw up the report on the Newfoundland fisheries question, which has now been published, consisted of the following gentlemen—*Mr. John Rose, Bart., K.C.M.G., Mr. Edw'd Jenkins, M.P., Agent General for Canada, Major Carpenter, R.A., Mr. Gisborne Molin.*

eux, Mr. R. G. Haliburton, Mr. F. W. Chescon, Mr. Charles Fitzgerald, Mr. H. E. Montgomerie, and Mr. Frederick Young, Hon. Secretary to the Institute. In consequence of the absence of Mr. Haliburton in Prince Edward Island the report was drafted by Mr. James Whitman, M.A., of the Nova Scotia bar.

The United States Government has given notice to the British Postal authorities, that hereafter they will have to pay the full rate, 33 cents per pound, charged by the Railway Companies for the transport of mail matter across the American Continent, instead of six cents as formerly. This action, on the part of Postmaster Jewell, seems to have been hurried on because home postal authorities have demanded an immediate remittance of the amount due on account of Intercolonial Money Orders, amounting to some £100,000.

A terrific tornado has passed over a portion of Kentucky, causing great destruction of life and property. Houses and even a whole forest were blown down, many people being crushed to death by falling timber and buildings.

A large portion of the business part of the town of Jasper, Florida, has been destroyed by fire.

Later details of the hurricane which passed over the Phillipine Islands, report a loss of 250 lives, and large quantities of property. The crops have been entirely ruined.

The National Rifle Association of Great Britain have accepted the challenge of the New York Association to take part in a match for small bores, to be held in the United States during the Centennial celebration. Sir Henry Haiford has been appointed captain of the English team, and is now busily engaged in arranging the preliminaries.

The Admiralty has issued to commanders of Her Majesty's ships an amended circular in regard to fugitive slaves asking admission to a British man-of-war, when in territorial waters of a foreign State. They must be only admitted if their lives are endangered, and must not be kept on board after the danger is passed; but no demand for the surrender of a slave is to be entertained by a British officer.

A telegram to the London *Times* says the British now hold all important positions in the neighbourhood of Perak, and that British power is now supreme there.

The Manchester *Guardian* of the 11th states that the rumor gains currency that Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, will open the coming session of Parliament in person. She will be accompanied by the Princess of Wales.

The Turkish Government has ordered Circassians settled in Belgravia to be organized into 12 battalions, which are destined to guard the frontier of Servia.

It is said that Spain will shortly address a communication of importance to the various European Cabinets on the subject of Cuba.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* reiterates his statement that Austria is calling out her reserves, and maintains that it is true: he shows that it has not been officially contradicted.

A despatch to the *Deutsche Zeitung* asserts that the signs pointing to the occupation of Bosnia by the Austrians multiply, and that the places where the troops are to cross the Unna River are already fixed.

A fearful railway accident occurred near Odessa, in Russia, on the 9th inst. A train filled with military recruits ran off the track and plunged down an embankment. The wrecked cars caught fire before all the men could be extricated, and many were burned to death. The total number of killed is 64, and 54 are injured, several fatally.

The delay in answering Count Andrassy's note regarding Turkish affairs, on the part of France and England, is owing to the absence from London of Lord Derby the British Foreign Minister.

The Spanish Government has ordered from Her Krupp's foundry, at Essen, six 11 inch breech loading steel cannon, with 600 rounds of ammunition, for delivery in Cuba. Each gun will cost \$10,000.

The British army mobilisation scheme has already revived a demand for a larger army, and it is said to be not at all unlikely that the Government will respond to that demand. Rumour states that the Government have already decided to ask for a large increase in the Army Estimates, and that it will be mainly devoted to increasing the number of the rank and file.

The Prince Imperial of Austria is to be crowned King of Hungary in July next.

In relation to the Eastern Question, at the New Year's reception, the Emperor of Germany responded to the address from the army, he replied praising their efficiency and assured them of the durability of the peace now enjoyed. Bismark appeared in excellent health and was enthusiastically cheered.

A Lisbon paper states that arrangements have already been made, according to which the Prince of Wales, on his return from India, will visit Malta, Gibraltar and Lisbon, embarking at Oporto for England.

The Spanish Government on the 23rd December confidently declared to the other European Powers a firm resolution of satisfying all just complaints of Cubans.

The Marine Societies' training ship *Warspite*, which has been anchored in the Thames, between Greenwich and Woolwich for many years, was burned on the morning of the 3rd inst. No lives were lost.